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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BIO TECHNOLOGY AND NANO TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to issue a notification regarding the national policy on bio-technology;

(b) whether the Union Government proposes to set up a cluster of premier technology institutes including National Institute of Bio-technology and National Institute for Nano- technology; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): No Sir, there is no proposal to issue a notification regarding the national policy on bio-technology. However, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology has formulated a National Biotechnology Development Strategy. This strategy was based on 2 years long nation wide consultation, international consultation and review and comments from medical, agricultural, veterinary and environment experts, scientists, industry, regulators and all other ministries and departments.Various actions and programmes of this strategy have been suitably integrated while formulating the 11th Five Year Plan proposals which envisages major expansion in human resource development, industrial promotion and development, sectoral R&D for technology development, streamlining of regulatory system and establishment of new institutes in cutting edge areas of biotechnology.

(b) & (c): There is no proposal to set up premier technology institutions state-wise and National Institute of Biotechnology. However, during 11 plan (2007-2012) the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology has proposed to set up a National Institute for Nano-technology. Similarly, the Department of Biotechnology has proposed for setting up of institutions/centres during the 11th Five Year Plan in the following areas: Translational Research in Health Science and Technology; Agri-food biotechnology; Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine; Animal Biotechnology; Marine Biotechnology and Molecular Medicine.